

Newark

Sharpe James
Mayor

Department of Economic and Housing Development

Alfred L. Faiella
Deputy Mayor and Director

920 Broad Street, Room 218
Newark, New Jersey 07102
973-733-6575
Fax 973-733-3965

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE SHARPE JAMES, MAYOR
PAM GOLDSTEIN, COMMUNICATION MANAGER ✓
JOAQUIN MATIAS, DIRECTOR, DIV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FROM: ALFRED L. FAIELLA, DEPUTY MAYOR/DIRECTOR
DEPT. OF ECONOMIC & HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ALF

DATE: JUNE 26, 2001

RE: NEWARK MASTER PLAN HEARING

Attached please find:

- ☒ Correspondence for your information
- ☐ For your review
- ☐ Answer and return
- ☐ Follow up and report
- ☐ Provide comments and suggestions
- ☐ Provide a reply
- ☒ Other: The seven planning presentations were exceptionally well received.
We have received over 15 calls and several letters regarding same.

ALF/am
Enc.



June 21, 2001

Mr. Alfred L. Faiella
Deputy Mayor and Director
Department of Economic and Housing Development
920 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

VIA FAX (973) 733-3965

Dear Al,

Let me thank you for convening last evening's public meeting on Newark's Master Plan and other planning initiatives in the City. The large turnout suggests very strongly that there is, in fact, a deep and encouraging public interest in the concept and practice of planning. To my knowledge, previous planning efforts in 20th century Newark were launched without much interaction with the citizenry, which makes your attempt to engage the public's interest and input in city planning at once laudable, smart and historic.

I think it would be a good idea to document for the public at large Newark's current planning efforts and the completion of strategies that lead to better and forward thinking examples of housing, transportation reform, neighborhood renewal, and the dignifying of public space in the City. Might the City support, as an example, a one-hour documentary film that takes a broadly contextualized view of planning in Newark over the past thirty years? Such a film, I think, might ultimately find its way to a national audience via public television.

You and your colleagues are crafting an exciting story: it needs to be shared with the rest of the nation. If you are at all interested in exploring this prospect, let me know. I should like to be of help.

I will see you around town, Al. And, once again, congratulations to you on last night's program.

Sincerely,

Clement Alexander Price
Professor of History
Director

RECEIVED
2001 JUN 21 PM 1:31
CITY OF NEWARK
DEPT. OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT